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Application No. 09/747,164 due TODAY, December 17, 2003.**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No.: 09/747,164  
Applicant: LANE, Michael J. et al  
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Title: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR MODULATING  
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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

This is further to the Office Action dated November 17, 2003. Applicant notes that the appointment of new Agent/Attorney for the above application has not yet been entered on the record. Applicant wishes to amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims:** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks:** begin on page 11 of this paper.

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